GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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KASHMIR ISSUE
CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether Pakistan had raised the Kashmir issue in the conference held in Bangkok recently;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c)the reaction of India, Pakistan and other countries thereto;

(d)whether the representatives of India had opposed this move;

(e)if so, the details thereof;

(f)if not, the reasons therefor; and
(g)the countries with whom the Indian delegation held talks in Bangkok and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) No, Sir. During the UNCTAD-X Conference held at Bangkok in February this year, Pakistan did not raise the issue of Kashmir.

(b)-(f) Does not arise.

(g) Members of the Indian delegation to the UNCTAD Conference interacted with several delegations attending the conference including the delegations of the United Kingdom, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Iraq, Bangladesh, Nepal, Morocco, Belgium and Italy. Only trade and economic issues were discussed during these meetings.